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Sir:

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the final Office Action of July 24, 2006 is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner maintained the previous prior art rejections. In particular, the Examiner rejected independent claim 1 as being unpatentable over the Temmesfeld reference (US 4,756,279) in view of the Suzuki reference (US 5,090,270); rejected claim 4 is being unpatentable over the Temmesfeld reference in view of the Suzuki reference, and further in view of the Nixon reference (US 4,476,820); and rejected claims 17-18 as being unpatentable over the Temmesfeld reference in view of the Suzuki reference, and further in view of the Tsuchikawa reference (US 4,539,943). However, in maintaining these rejections, it appears that the Examiner is either inadvertently or intentionally ignoring a limitation recited in the claims. Furthermore, this limitation is neither taught or suggested by the prior art. Therefore, for the reasons discussed below, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 and the claims that depend therefrom are clearly patentable over the prior art of record.